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Subject:

Army Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Office Supplies

- Attached is subject policy on the mandatory use of Army BPAs for office supplies.
- 2. Please note:
- Installations that have local (on-site) Self Service Supply Centers (Office Source and Uncle Sam's Stores) will first attempt to fulfill their office supply needs there; and
- OCONUS locations are to use the BPAs whenever the suppliers can meet their delivery requirements
- A/OPCs need to emphasize this policy during GPC Program training.
- 4. We are in the process of discussing OCONUS alternatives with a JWOD representative. Will keep you updated.
- POC is Stan Harris, 375-5185.

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Army Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Office Supplies

Importance:

In Fiscal Year 2000, the Army spent more than \$100M on office products using purchase cards. Many of these purchases were made from commercial sources without compliance with JWOD statutory requirement. The Army also failed to take advantage of or leverage its buying power by awarding and using contracts with discounted/negotiated pricing.

We intend to meet the above requirements through mandating the use of recently Army awarded Federal Supply Schedule BPAs. Installations that have local (on-site) Self Service Supply Centers will first attempt to fulfill their office supply needs there. If the product is not available, the BPA will be used. OCONUS locations are to use the BPAs whenever the suppliers can meet their delivery requirements. Suppliers will automatically substitute JWOD products for the items ordered when they are "like" or "essentially the same." Cardholders will access the BPA catalogs via the DoD EMALL.

The attached memorandum mandates use of Department of the Army BPAs for the purchase of office products.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Dan Schwemmer at his work number, commercial (703) 681-0372 or e-mail dan.schwemmer@saalt.army.mil.

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Mandatory Use of Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Office Products for the Army

This memorandum mandates use of Department of the Army Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for the purchase of office products. The effective date of these BPAs is October I, 2002. These BPAs will be hosted on the Department of Defense (DOD) Electronic Mall (EMALL) and can be accessed at: https://emall.prod.dodonline.net/scripts/EMStoresRelatedSites.asp.

Historically, the Army has purchased approximately \$100 million in office supplies annually. Many of these purchases are made at full retail price without consideration for the statutory preference to utilize General Service Administration (GSA) schedules. Additionally, many of the purchases ignored the statutory mandate to obtain comparable products available from blind and severely disabled vendors under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. Mandatory use of the Army's BPAs for office products will remedy most of these shortfalls.

Our goal is to standardize the Army's method of procuring office products while offering our requiring activities better prices (by maximizing quantity discounts), delivery of orders as quickly as within 24 hours, and enhancing the Army's commitment to support the JWOD Program. The 12 BPAs identified on the enclosed list were carefully culled from existing vendors on the GSA Federal Supply Schedule, so as to promote the use of small and/or disadvantaged businesses. Last, use of these BPAs will better ensure compliance with the JWOD program, as the suppliers will automatically substitute JWOD products for like commercial products.

These BPAs are mandatory for the purchase of office products using the Government Purchase Card within the Army. Installations (CONUS) that have local (on-site) Self Service Supply Centers - many of which are operated by JWOD-participating nonprofit agencies - will first attempt to fulfill their needs for office supplies there. If the product is not available, the BPAs shall be used. OCONUS locations are to use the BPAs whenever the suppliers can meet their delivery requirements. Government purchase cardholders from other agencies within DoD, i.e., Navy, Air Force, may use these BPAs if they desire.

Offerors may offer their entire commercial catalog but they shall not list commercial products that have been determined to be essentially the same as items available under the JWOD Program, items that do not comply with the requirements set forth in Executive Order 13101, and items that are not in compliance with the Trade Agreements Act.

Consistent with the cardholder's purchase authority, Government purchase cards may be used for transactions under these BPAs. FAR 8.404 and DFARS Subpart 208.4 provides guidance for placing orders against these BPAs. Again, you are encouraged to give preference to small business suppliers on the BPA whenever placing orders.

Point of contact for questions/comments is Bruce E. Sullivan at (703) 681-7564 or e-main bruce.sullivan@saalt.army.mil.

Landra O. Suber: Sandra O. Sieber Acting Director of the Army Contracting Agency

Enclosure

CF: PARCs (w/encl)

Department of the Army (DA) Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for Office Products

GSA Contract/	BPA Number/
Expiration Date	Business Size
GS-14F-9734C	DAKF23-02-A-0054
28 February 2005	Small/Woman-Owned
GS-14F-0177D	DAKF23-02-A-0051
2 February 2005	Small
GS-14F-0031L	DAKF23-02-A-0057
March 2006	8(a)/SDB/VSDB/Hub Zone
GS-14F-0035K	DAKF23-02-A-0047
23 August 2005	Large
GS-14F-0001L	DAKF23-02-A-0053
13 October 2005	8(a)/Native American
GS-14F-0016L	DAKF23-02 Λ-0048
23 August 2005	Large
GS-14F-0027L	DAKF23-02-A-0056
1 March 2005	SDB
GS-14F-0032K	DAKF23-02-A-0055
22 August 2005	SDB
	GS-14F-0031L March 2005 GS-14F-001L 13 October 2005 GS-14F-0016L 23 August 2005 GS-14F-0027L 1 March 2005

DAKF23-02-A-0050 Miller's Office Products GS-14F-0015L Small/Woman-Owned 2 January 2006 8404 Alban Road Springfield, VA 22150 Wayne Stillwagon, 703-644-2522 DAKF23-02-A-0049 GS-14F-0040K Office Depot 20 September 2005 Large 8870 Greenwood Place Savage, MD 20763 Jeffrey Hawting, 800-890-4914 X7157 DAKF23-02-A-0052 GS-14F-0036K Staples National Advantage 45 East Wesley Street 23 August 2005 Large South Hackensack, NJ 07606-1498 Don Hamilton, 513-347-9242 DAKF23-02-A-0081 GS-14F-0019L Stephens Office Supply Small 372-C Wythe Creek Road 24 August 2005 Poquoson, Virginia 23662 Gail Wojciechowski, 757-868-0914 X11